

Today in Corps history:
Jan. 9, 1847: Marines participated in the Battle of La Mesa (Calif.) during the Mexican War.

Source: Marine Corps History

FAST FACT



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District News: Head of Parade credits success to time in Corps, see Page 5

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THE BOOT

“We Make Marines”

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Depot basketball teams swing back into action

After a long holiday break, Depot Marines are lacing up their sneakers and taking back to the courts as the bulk of the 2003-04 Marine Corps Community ...

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Depot News

NHB SPECIAL HOLIDAY PHARMACY HOURS

Naval Hospital Beaufort's pharmacy and refill site will be closed Jan. 16 at 1 p.m. The main pharmacy will be open Jan. 17 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and both will be closed Jan. 19 for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC APPOINTMENT CHANGE

Patients needing immunizations are now required to have an appointment to ensure their medical records are available. Appointments can be made by calling Central Appointments at 228-5175/5198. Immunizations may be received at the time of a regularly scheduled appointment.

NEW YEAR BRINGS NEW FITNESS CENTER HOURS

The Naval Hospital Beaufort Fitness Center hours of operation are now from 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday - Friday.

The Air Station Fitness Center is open from 5 a.m. - 10 p.m. as well as 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on weekends.

The Depot Combat Fitness Center is open from 5 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sunday.

All three fitness centers are open to military beneficiaries.

WARRIORS FOR CHRIST SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

The Parris Island Religious Ministries Protestant Religious Education Program, known as Warriors For Christ, is looking for new volunteers to help train recruits. There is an orientation meeting Jan. 30 from 6:30 p.m. - 9 and training is Jan. 31 from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Registration by Jan. 28 is required. For more information, contact 332-0028.

On the Web

STUDENT NEWS KEEPS TEACHERS INFORMED

Educators can use CNN Student News in their classrooms for the news of the day, as well as segments that encourage student participation. The Web site, www.cnnstudentnews.com, also includes supplementary information for lesson plans and links to textbook information on connected subjects.

The site is geared toward high school students and includes topics such as sports psychology, economics, geography and world politics.

Out in Town

CHARLESTON OFFERS \$1 ADMISSION TO AQUARIUM

On Jan. 18 -19, admission to the South Carolina Aquarium in Charleston will be reduced to \$1. This popular event allows visitors the opportunity to experience their Aquarium firsthand and come eye-to-eye with otters, sharks, snakes, birds and urchins.

The aquarium is open Sunday from noon - 6 p.m. and Monday - Saturday from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. The last ticket is sold at 5 p.m.

Weather



Friday
Showers
Hi 54 Low 32
Saturday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 59 Low 30
Sunday
Sunny
Hi 60 Low 36

New year, new rank . . .



Colonel Kevin Kelley, commanding officer, Recruit Training Regiment, congratulates newly promoted Staff Sgt. Mike Martinet, a drill instructor with Kilo Co., 3rd RTBn., in a ceremony at Traditions Jan. 2. Martinet and nine other RTR Marines were meritoriously promoted to staff sergeant, while two were meritoriously promoted to gunnery sergeant during the ceremony.

Cpl. Jared Hansen

Smooth Move now mandatory for personnel

CPL. THOMAS PERRY

STAFF WRITER

The Tri-Command's Smooth Move program, which are classes designed to condense all vital and pertinent information associated with a military move into three and half hours, are now mandatory for all military personnel undergoing Permanent Change of Station orders or reaching their End of Active Service.

The change mirrors the Relocation Assistance Program's growing concern that Tri-Command personnel do not realize the numerous free benefits available to them and their families.

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good turnout," said Evelyn Cookley, Relocation Assistance manager for the Depot. "This information is so vital that it needed to be mandatory. Those who have attended the program in the past have saved a lot of money and experienced a stress-free transition, but too

many Marines did not want to come."

Now, in accordance with Depot Order 1754.7, all military members and their families will attend the Smooth Move program, which incorporates numerous transitional aspects including: spouse employment

opportunities, stress counseling information, the Exceptional Family Member Program, shipment and storage of household goods, legal assistance, child care, the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, budgeting analysts, TRICARE and many others.

"We need to get the word out because there is a lot of money to be saved," said Toni Stancil, MCAS Beaufort Relocation Assistance manager.

Depot personnel's next money-saving opportunity will be March 2 from 8 - 11:30 a.m. at building 115, which is located next to the Lyceum and across from the Naval Criminal Investigative Service pier.

Cookley knows that the turn out will certainly increase dramatically because of the Depot Order, and she believes it is for the best and that all who attend "will learn something."

"Our goal is to provide military personnel and their families with a stress-free, money-saving transition because they attended the class and learned something," said Cookley. "The Marines need to be mission ready at all times, and the Smooth Move Program helps them stay ready."

Another program designed to ease the financial burden and stress of all Depot Marines is the Loan Locker Program, which

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Commissary officials ease mad cow concerns

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Officials at the Defense Commissary Agency have not overlooked America's beef industry "mad cow disease" scare that took place more than two weeks ago in the state of Washington.

On Dec. 23 a single case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), also known as "mad cow disease," was reported, since then the U.S. Department of Agriculture has conducted a limited recall of 10,000 pounds of beef that may originate from the infected cow and from cows slaughtered at the same time and location.

"No beef in any of our 275 commissaries worldwide has been involved in a USDA recall," said Army Col. Mark Wolken, chief of public health, safety and security for DeCA. "The USDA has stated that the U.S. beef supply is safe and that the beef recall resulted from an abundance of caution, not fear, that the meat is

infected. Local DeCA officials have matched national precautionary measures, but admit that customers have voiced few concerns about beef safety.

Dave Hayden, the Depot's commissary director, said that very few of his customers have expressed apprehension when purchasing beef products. Hayden also referred to a long-standing DeCA policy that allows customers to return any item that they have a quality concern with.

As of Wednesday, Hayden said no commissary beef had been returned.

"[Returning the beef I bought at the commissary] never entered my mind," said Kim Abbott, the Child Development Center's director, who shops at the commissary weekly. "I rely on the expertise of the people that run the commissary."

Nationally commissary customers have raised questions about the safety of beef

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Cpl. Thomas Perry

Ernest Beckwith, the commissary meat department supervisor, organizes his department Tuesday. On Dec. 23, 2003 a single case of "mad cow disease" was reported in the state of Washington. Since then the U.S. Department of Agriculture has conducted a limited recall of 10,000 pounds of beef, but DeCA said none of the infected beef reached commissary shelves.